1	2	3	4
Kerala	15,595	15,595	0
Madhya Pradesh	76,145	76,013	-132
Maharashtra	47,514	47,476	-38
Manipur	17,259	17,086	-173
Meghalaya	16,925	16,988	63
Mizoram	18,583	18,684	101
Nagaland	14,015	13,719	-296
Orissa	48,353	48,374	21
Punjab	1,545	1,558	13
Rajasthan	15,821	15,850	29
Sikkim	3,262	3,262	0
Tamil Nadu	23,003	23,044	41
Tripura	8,123	8,155	32
Uttar Pradesh	14,127	14,127	0
Uttaranchal	24,460	24,442	-18
West Bengal	12,389	12,413	24
Andaman & Nicobar	6,807	6.629	-178
Chandigarh	15	15	0
Dadra Nagar Haveli	221	221	0
Daman & Diu	8	8	0
Lakshadweep	25	25	0
Pondicherry	42	42	0
GRAND TOTAL	677,816	677,088	-728

*SFR 2005 - State of Forest Report 2005 by Forest Survey of India

Schemes to increase forest cover

†310. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to deal with the negative effect of climate change it is essential to increase the forest cover;

† Orignial notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the percentage of land on which Afforestation is essential for this purpose;

(c) whether Government has decided to implement various schemes to increase the forest cover; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for implementation of each scheme during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No such study exists which establishes the correlation between the percentage of land to be afforested and mitigation of adverse effects of climate change.

(c) and (d) Various schemes are being implemented by the Centre & States for tree planting/afforestation to increase the forest cover. The details of ongoing schemes of Govt. of India alongwith allocations for the year 2009-10 are given in the table below:

(Rs. in crores)

Sl.No.	Name of Scheme	Allocation for 2009-10
1.	National Afforestation Programme	345.62
2.	Eco-Development Force	10.50
3.	Grants-in-Aid for Greening India	3.28

In addition to above, Gram Van Yojana (GVY) Scheme has been mooted for afforestation on non-forest lands for which an allocation of Rs.900 crores has been made during the 11th plan.

The Government of India has introduced a new scheme with an outlay of Rs. 500.00 crore as an additional central assistance for "Accelerated Programme of Restoration and Regeneration of Forest Cover" under State Plan during 2009-10.

Environmental Protection in Himalayas

†311. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is going to open a National Institute of Himalayan Glaciology at Dehradun and a fully automatic wheather station at Almora in order to protect environment in the Himalayas;

(b) if so, what efforts Government has made in this direction; and

(c) by when these institutes would be set-up and the budget be earmarked by Government in this regard?

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